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CHAPTER 1.1.1.

DEFINITIONS

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Aquatic animal health status

means the status of a country, zone or compartment with respect to an aquatic animal disease, according to the criteria listed in the relevant chapter of the Aquatic Code dealing with the disease.

Biosecurity plan

means a plan that identifies significant potential pathways for the introduction and spread of disease in a zone or compartment, and describe the measures which are being, or will be, applied to mitigate the risks to introduce and spread disease risks, in accordance with taking into consideration the recommendations in the Aquatic Code. The plan should also describes how these measures are audited, with respect to both their implementation and their targeting, to ensure that the risks are regularly re-assessed and the measures adjusted accordingly.

Compartmentalisation

means identifying compartments for disease control or international trade purposes.

Disease

means clinical or non clinical infection or infestation with one or more of the aetiological agents of the diseases referred to in the Aquatic Code.

Infection

means the presence of a multiplying or otherwise developing or latent disease agent in or, for ectoparasites, on a host.

Infestation

means the presence in large sufficient numbers of a multiplying parasitic, or commensal, agent on a host so as to cause damage or disease.

Inspection

means the control carried out by the Competent Authority in order to ensure that an aquatic animal is/aquatic animals are free from the diseases/infections considered in the Aquatic Code; the inspection may call for clinical examination, laboratory tests and, generally, the application of other procedures that could reveal an infection or infestation that may be present in an aquatic animal population.

Subpopulation

means a distinct part of a *population* identifiable according to specific common *aquatic animal* health characteristics.

Stamping-out policy

means the carrying out under the authority of the *Competent Authority*, on confirmation of a *disease*, of preventive aquatic animal health measures, consisting of killing the *aquatic animals* that are affected, those suspected of being affected in the *population* and those in other *populations* that have been exposed to *infection* or *infestation* by direct or indirect contact of a kind likely to cause the transmission of the *disease agent*. All these *aquatic animals*, vaccinated or unvaccinated, on an infected site should be killed and the carcasses destroyed by burning or burial, or by any other method that will eliminate the spread of *infection* or *infestation* through the carcasses or products of the *aquatic animals* destroyed.

This policy should be accompanied by cleansing and *disinfection* procedures as defined in the *Aquatic Code*. *Following* should be for an appropriate period determined by *risk assessment*.

Subclinical

means without clinical manifestations, for example a stage of *infection* or *infestation* at which signs are not apparent or detectable by clinical examination.

Susceptible species

means a species of *aquatic animal* in which *infection* or *infestation* ~~by a disease~~ has been demonstrated by natural cases or by experimental exposure to the *disease agent* that mimics the natural pathways for *infection* or *infestation*. Each disease chapter in the *Aquatic Manual* contains a list of currently known *susceptible species*.

Targeted surveillance

means *surveillance* targeted at a specific *disease*, ~~or~~ *infection* or *infestation*.

Veterinary para professional

~~means a person who, for the purposes of the *Aquatic Code*, is authorised by the *veterinary statutory body* to carry out certain designated tasks (dependent upon the category of veterinary para professional) in a country, and delegated to them under the responsibility and direction of a *veterinarian*. The tasks authorized for each category of *veterinary para professional* should be defined by the *veterinary statutory body* depending on qualifications and training, and according to need.~~

Zoning

means identifying zones for disease control or international trade purposes.

